

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: <b>Dewitt, Jr. et al.</b>	§	Group Art Unit: <b>2193</b>
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Serial No.: <b>10/675,777</b>	§	Examiner: <b>Chavis, John Q.</b>
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Filed: <b>September 30, 2003</b>	§	Attorney Docket No.: <b>AUS920030477US1</b>
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For: <b>Method and Apparatus for Counting</b>	§	
<b>Instruction Execution and Data Accesses</b>		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

A fee of \$790.00 is required to file a Request for Continued Examination, and a fee of \$200.00 is required to add one independent claim. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Preliminary to the continued examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.